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  earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>22 February 2005</u>.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is
closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) <u>1-13</u> is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) <u>1-13</u> is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

      1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

      2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

      3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage
application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1)☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3)☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .

5)☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6)☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1.   Application Number 09/834, 264 was filed on 04/12/2001.   Claims 1-13

are subject to examination.

Response to Amendment

2.   The declaration filed on February 22, 2005 under 37 CFR 1.131 has been

considered but is ineffective to overcome the Levosky (US 2002/0087641 A1)

reference.

The evidence submitted is insufficient to establish diligence from a date

prior to the date of reduction to practice of the Levosky (US 2002/0087641 A1)

reference to either a constructive reduction to practice or an actual reduction to

practice. Please refer to MPEP §2138.06

The evidence submitted is insufficient to establish applicant's alleged

actual reduction to practice of the invention in this country or a NAFTA or WTO

member country after the effective date of the Levosky (US 2002/0087641 A1)

reference. The reasons for diligence rare not provided.

However, the issues of searing behind the Levosky (US 2002/0087641

A1) is moot in light of the new ground of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3.   The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35

U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this

Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –(b) the invention was patented or described in a
> printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than
> one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4.   Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by

Agraharam et al. (hereinafter Agraharam) (US 5, 987, 508).

Referring to claim 1,

The reference teaches a method of routing electronic mail messages to a user

with a server (Fig. 1, element 110), the method comprising the steps of:

(1) receiving at a mail server an electronic mail message having a destination

address (col. 4, lines 44-47,"At step 201, the sender transmits an e-mail

message to a user or group of users using each recipient's

telephone#@domain.sub. -- name.");

(2) receiving from a user at the mail server an identification of a main

electronic mail address and at least one alias electronic mail address (col. 3,

lines 35-50);

(3) comparing the destination address to the main and at least one alias

electronic mail addresses; and (4) transmitting the electronic mail message to an

address determined as a result of the comparing step (col. 3, line 51-66).

Referring to claim 2,

The reference teaches the method of claim 1, wherein step (4) comprises:

transmitting the electronic mail message to the destination address when

the destination address is indicated as a main address; and

transmitting the electronic mail message to a main address when the

destination address is indicated as an alias address corresponding to the main

address. (col. 3, line 51-66)

Referring to claim 3,

The reference teaches a method of providing an electronic mail service to users,

the method comprising the steps of: (1) registering a main electronic mail

address for a user; (2) providing at least one alias electronic mail address to the

user; and (3) delivering electronic messages addressed to the main address and

electronic mail messages addressed to the at least one alias address to a single

electronic mail inbox. (col. 3, line 24-50)

Referring to claim 4,

The reference teaches the method of claim 3, further including the step of: (4)

allowing the user to manage the at least one alias electronic mail address. (col.

5, line 39 through col. 6, line 5)

Referring to claims 5 and 6,

The reference teaches the method of claim 4, wherein the allowing steps

comprises allowing the user to delete alias electronic mail addresses, and the

method of claim 4, wherein the allowing steps comprises allowing the user to add

alias electronic mail addresses. (col. 5, line 24 through col. 6, line 5,)

Referring to claims 7 and 8,

The reference teaches the method of claim 3, further including the step of

providing a record of electronic messages sent by and received by the at least

one alias electronic mail address. (col. 5, lines 30-37), and the method of claim 7,

further including the step of displaying electronic messages received by the at

least one alias electronic mail address. col. 5, line 24 through col. 6, line 5)

Referring to claim 9,

The reference teaches the method of claim 3, further including the step of

providing the main electronic mail address to the user. (col. 6, lines 6-22)

Referring to claim 10,

The reference teaches an electronic mail server configured to perform the steps

of:

(1) receiving an electronic mail message having a destination address(

col. 4, lines 44-47,"At step 201, the sender transmits an e-mail message to a

user or group of users using each recipient's telephone#@domain.sub.--

name.");

(2) comparing the destination address to addresses included in a

database of main and alias electronic mail addresses (col. 3, lines 35-50); and

(3) transmitting the electronic mail message to an address determined as

a result of the comparing step (col. 3, line 51-66).

Referring to claim 11,

The reference teaches the mail server of claim 10, wherein step (3) comprises:

transmitting the electronic mail message to the destination address when the

destination address is indicated as a main address in the database; and

transmitting the electronic mail message to a main address when the destination

address is indicated as an alias address corresponding to the main address in

the database. (col. 3, line 51-66)

Referring to claim 12,

Claim 12 is a claim to a computer-readable medium having computer-executable

instructions for performing the method steps of claim 1. Therefore claim 12 is
rejected for the reasons set forth for claim 1.

Referring to claim 13,

The reference teaches an electronic mail system comprising: an electronic mail
server (Fig. 1, element 110) configured to perform the steps of:

(1) receiving an electronic mail message having a destination address
(col. 4, lines 44-47,"At step 201, the sender transmits an e-mail message to a
user or group of users using each recipient's telephone#@domain.sub.--
name.");

(2) comparing the destination address to addresses included in a
database of main and alias electronic mail addresses; and (3) transmitting the
electronic mail message to an address determined as a result of the comparing
step; and a computer coupled to the electronic mail server and including
computer executable instructions that allow a user to send electronic mail
messages from more than one electronic mail address with a single user
interface. (col. 3, lines 35-66, col. 5, lines 24-37)

Conclusion

Examiner's note: Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the
references as applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant.
Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and
are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages
and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in

preparing responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially

teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of

the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the Examiner.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from

the examiner should be directed to Ashok B. Patel whose telephone number is

(571) 272-3972. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the

examiner's supervisor, John A Follansbee can be reached on (571) 272-3964.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding

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